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VANDERBURGH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AWARD BUFFALO TRACE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA WITH ARPA FUNDS

With the support of Vanderburgh County Council, the Vanderburgh County Commissioners were proud to award Buffalo Trace Council, Boy Scouts of America with \$25,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds.

To respond to the public health emergency impact with respect to COVID-19 and its negative economic impacts, Vanderburgh County appropriated funds to non-profit organizations whose missions focus on arts, culture, and educational initiatives benefiting the County's residents.

Buffalo Trace Council, Boy Scouts of America's mission is "to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law." Creating the next generation of leaders, the Buffalo Trace Council provides Scouting initiatives to over 2,500 boys and girls across 15 counties in southwest Indiana and southern Illinois. In Vanderburgh County, the Council prepares over 1,000 youth for service to their communities.

John G. Harding, Scout Executive, commented, "We are very grateful to the Vanderburgh County Council and Commissioners for this grant. Scouting is continuing to rebound from COVID-19 with a bright future ahead. We look forward to providing new learning opportunities for our youth as they adventure on to leadership."